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# YOUTH REVIVAL NIGHT

Wednesday, January 27, 6 - 6:45 pm:  
Meal & Comedy hour: with  
Gerald Droppert & Rod Rozendaal  
Meal: Walking tacos, salad & cupcake  
- served in the Gathering Place at FRC  
6:45 pm - Simon Says Contest  
7 - 8:15 pm Praise & Worship in the  
Sanctuary  
Jeff Knouse & Jer Schnell will speak

ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADE INVITED

"I stand at the door & knock."

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**Sunday, January 17, 2021**  
**Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor Wayne Sneller**

Prelude..... *"Graves Into Gardens"* .....Praise Team  
Welcome  
**THE APPROACH TO GOD**  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Hymns of Praise ..... *"Blessed Assurance"*  
..... *"Shout to the Lord"*  
\*Worship Prayer  
Recognition of New Member through Transfer  
**Mason Wichhart**  
Sacrament of Baptism for **Olivia Lynn, daughter of**  
**Mason & Cayla Wichhart**  
Apostle's Creed - I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.  
**3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!**  
Announcements/Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
**THE WORD OF GOD**  
Scripture .....Acts 27:7-43 (pg.909)  
Message..... **"When a Setback Isn't Your Fault"**  
Pastor Wayne Sneller

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**  
\*Closing Hymn ..... *"Graves Into Gardens"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Response ..... *"Sanctuary"*  
**POSTLUDE** .....Praise Team  
\*Indicates standing if able LI License # 790003

\***Guests** please stop by the Welcome table (located on the south side by the nurseries) to find out more about First Reformed Church!  
\***Coffee time will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!**  
\* The **back 4 rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary** will be reserved for parents with young children.

# "WHEN A SETBACK ISN'T YOUR FAULT"

"...the God I serve and belong to, stood by me!"  
Acts 27:23

**First Reformed Church**  
**Sully, IA**

# WEEKLY SCHEDULES

## Sunday, January 17

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller  
 10:45 am **Sunday School** for all ages!  
 5:00 pm **Impact Youth Group**—IN THE WELL  
 6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group**—IN THE WELL

## Tuesday, January 19

1—4 pm **Sewing Days** in the Gathering Place

## Wednesday, January 20

5:30—6:30 pm **To Go Meals** for youth to eat at church and orders to go!

**Meal:** Spaghetti, breadsticks, lettuce salad & fruit  
 6:15 pm **6th—8th Bible Study**—in the Well  
 6:45 pm **9th—12th Bible Study**— in the Lighthouse

## Friday, January 22

7:30 am **Prayer Breakfast** in the Gathering Place

## Saturday, January 23

12 pm **Reunion** in the Gathering Place

## Sunday, January 24

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Jeff Knouse  
 10:45 am **Sunday School** for all ages!  
 5:00 pm **Impact Youth Group**—IN THE WELL  
 6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group**—IN THE WELL

\*The chairs have been moved in the main sanctuary for social distancing and to gain seating due to COVID-19.

# MORNING SCHEDULE

| January 17   |                              | January 24   |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| Trisha VM, Nicole D<br>Brooke Hardeman<br><b>Parent:</b> Nick & Amy H<br><b>Storyteller:</b> Mary Ann VM<br><b>Leader:</b> Lorna C | <b>NURSERY</b>               | Lynn D, Barb M<br>Kacey Kesling<br><b>Parent:</b> Joel & Liz H<br><b>Storyteller:</b> Barb J<br><b>Leader:</b> Ali S |
| Ruth R<br>Don & Hollie N   | <b>CHILDREN IN WORSHIP</b>   | Shawn H<br>Nick DP   |
| <b>Side:</b> Austin N<br>Dwayne M<br><b>Center:</b> Jeremy VM<br><b>Wing:</b> Kevin VW   | <b>PROJECTION LIVESTREAM</b> | <b>Side:</b> Allen S<br>Joel VW<br><b>Center:</b> Caden D<br><b>Wing:</b> Ken VS                                     |
| Keith R & Darrel J   | <b>USHERS</b>                | Shawn H & Nathan Y   |
|  | <b>VALET</b>                 |  |

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRAISE

- We extend our congratulations to **Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen** in the birth of a healthy daughter, **Gloria Rae**, born Friday, January 8. Everyone is doing great!
- This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the baptism of **Olivia Lynn, daughter of Mason & Cayla Wichhart**. We ask for God's blessing on this family!

## CHURCH FAMILY

- Karna Ver Ploeg** had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, January 12 at the Pella Regional Health Care Center. She was able to return home Thursday, January 14 and is doing well!
- Pastor Wayne** will be having double hernia surgery Tuesday, January 19 at the Pella Regional Health Center. He will be out of the pulpit for two weeks.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Dick Jr. & Joyce Ver Ploeg** in the death of their sister-in-law, **Erma Ver Ploeg**, age 87 who passed away in Arizona. Visitation will be Saturday, January 23 from 11 –1 pm at Garden Chapel Funeral Home in Pella. A private family service will follow.



**BABY BLESSING BASKET:** There are 2 baby blessing baskets set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little ones: **Henry Gerrit, son of Mitch & Angela Corell** born Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and **Gloria Rae, daughter of Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen** born Friday, January 8, 2021.

- \*Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs—Kindergarten
- \*Cookies will be served in Sunday School Opening exercises for 1st—5th grade.
- \* Children's activity bags are available in the south coat rooms & wing



# WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering for January 10, 2021 ..... \$5,717.50

**CHURCH TREASURERS:** A reminder for all treasurers to turn in your books, and financial reports for 2020, bank statements and cancelled checks to the church office for our annual report and for auditing by **TODAY!**

**REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR MAIL IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX !!**

## FAMILY NIGHT & MEAL MINISTRY ARE IN NEED OF HELP

**Donations needed:** Please drop off in the Legacy Kitchen  
 Hamburger Boxes of Corn Flakes  
 White corn syrup Peaches  
 Spaghetti sauce/noodles Marshmallows  
 Peanut butter  
 Walmart or Fareway gift cards

\*We have begun a **new Meal Ministry here at FRC**. Shelby Shinkle and Jamie Dunsbergen are heading this ministry up. See the list of **donations needed to meal prep for the month of January on our church website:** <http://sullyfrc.org/meal-ministry-donations/>

**Our To Go Meals this week—we served 99 meals!**

## NURSERY INFORMATION:

Please contact **Trisha Vander Molen** or **Kaila Harssalaar** at [trishavk@hotmail.com](mailto:trishavk@hotmail.com) or [kswank15@outlook.com](mailto:kswank15@outlook.com) if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! **Nursery alert pagers are available in the nursery at check-in!**

- ⇒ **Children's activity bags** are available in the back coat rooms and in the wing.
- ⇒ A **nursery** is provided from birth to age 3. Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south west corner of the sanctuary.
- ⇒ **Children in Worship Activities—3 year old—1st grade** are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairway in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
- ⇒ The **AED Defibrillator** is located in the church office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> shelf on east wall

**SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS** on our **website at sullyfrc.org** on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!

## “When a Setback Isn’t Your Fault”

Acts 27:7-43

Pastor Wayne Sneller

9:30 a.m.

January 17, 2021

**Paul’s Shipwreck at Malta** – *“The ship struck a reef and ran aground...by the force of the storm’s waves, the ship began to break apart.”* Acts 27:41

**What does this story have to do with you 2,000 years later?**

### 1. What causes people to make bad choices that create setbacks and storms for other people?

- When we \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ advice. *“But the Roman officer in charge of the prisoners didn’t listen to Paul. Instead he followed the advice of the owner of the ship.”* Acts 27:11
- When we \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd. *“The crew decided that they should go ahead and sail up the coast of Crete because the majority wanted to spend the winter in Phoenix...”* Acts 27:12
- When we \_\_\_\_\_ on circumstances. *“...the weather changed suddenly and a wind of hurricane force came out of the Northeast and blew the ship out to sea.”* Acts 27:14

### 2. What do I need to know about storms?

- Storms can cause me to \_\_\_\_\_ from my \_\_\_\_\_. *“...they gave up and let the wind drive them, drifting in every direction.”* Acts 27:15
- Storms can cause me to \_\_\_\_\_ what I used to \_\_\_\_\_. *“...the crew began throwing the cargo overboard.”* Acts 27:18-19
- Storms can cause me to \_\_\_\_\_. *“...we finally gave up all hope of being saved.”* Acts 27:20

### 3. How can I anchor my life in a storm?

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anchor: Remember God is \_\_\_\_\_ me. He hasn’t \_\_\_\_\_ me! *“None of us will lose your lives...for last night an angel of the God I serve and belong to stood by me!”* Acts 27:21-23
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anchor: Remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than my setback or \_\_\_\_\_. *“God’s angel said to me, “Don’t be afraid, Paul, for you will certainly stand trial before Caesar.”* Acts 27:24
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anchor: Remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_. *“So take courage, for I believe God. It will be just as he said.”* Acts 27:25 *“...so everyone escaped safely to shore.”* Acts 27:26

**Are you despairing about something today? Are you tempted to throw something away? Don’t give up! Don’t be afraid! Hold on to the anchor of \_\_\_\_\_ that God has given you!**

## Consistory Notes – January 13, 2021

The Consistory meeting opened with prayer. **The elders reported the following:**

- It was noted that communion was held on January 10. “Covid” style communion has led to some very meaningful worship experiences. It was noted that shut-in communion has been temporarily discontinued until the threat of COVID eases in nursing homes, etc.
- Care team lists were approved and have been handed out with introductions and instructions to all elder and deacon and lay person care teams.
- Mason Wichhart’s request to transfer into First Reformed from the Second Christian Reformed Church of Pella, IA was approved. Mason will publically be received as a member at the January 17 worship service. Welcome Mason!
- The request by Logan and Taylor Vos for the baptism of their son, Casen Jeffrey Vos was approved. Baptism will be March 14, 2021.
- The elders recommended to the full consistory the arrangements of Pastor Wayne’s retirement. (see full consistory notes later in this report).
- It was noted that Pastor Wayne will be out of the office for two weeks including two Sundays of preaching due to a surgery he will have on January 19.
- It was recommended by the board of elders that due to increased attendance of Sunday services that seating arrangements be adjusted to allow additional seating in the sanctuary. Changes will be made effective for January 17 worship service.
- The consistory also discussed the letter of intent to leave the RCA and the process of informing the congregation in educational meetings. It is noted that the letter of intent will be a mute issue if the denomination’s General Synod defeats the recommendation of the Vision 2020 Committee. This is the LGBTQ issue before the RCA.

**The deacon board shared that December 2020 giving is as follows:**

- General fund: \$38,302.17; Mission: \$21,368 (includes Christmas Day offering of \$12,451); Sunday school: \$1455.51; Build-

ing: \$4207.05. Ending Balance for December 2020: General Fund- \$197,296.55; Mission Fund - \$17,977.96.

- It was approved to give all of our college students a \$40 gift card for Valentine’s Day (we currently have 15 students).
  - It was approved to let Life Serve Blood Center use the Gathering Place for a blood drive on February 16.
  - It was also approved to let the Sully Lions Club meet in the Well on January 21 and February 18 for their regular meetings. (The two above events are using our church while the community center undergoes improvements.)
- The full consistory reviewed the congregational needs and church family prayer needs. Our shut-ins and nursing home residents were also lifted up in prayer.

### **Committee reports:**

- Jeff Vander Molen met with the Sully City Council on the proposal to pave the church’s south parking lot. The city council approved the plan with minor changes. The Building Committee will now research the cost of the project and return back to the consistory with this information.
- The Christian Education chr., Gary Van Genderen reported on events that will be held for our youth in the upcoming months which include: Youth Revival Night on January 27; Middle School Retreat in Dayton, IA – April 9 – 11; Power Connection – June 25-27 in Minnesota; Rocky Mountain High – July 28 – August 4 at Estes Park, Co for high school youth; Youth Work Trip led by Gerald Droppert – May 29 – June 6. It was approved to support these events.
- It was shared how our Youth Director, Jeff Knouse and Children’s Director, Julie Van Manen were adapting their programs to fit the challenges of education in a COVID environment.
- Jeff Knouse and Pastor Duane Laman will preach for Pastor Wayne while he is recovering from his surgery.
- The consistory approved the retirement arrangements of Pastor Wayne Sneller. Pastor Wayne’s last Sunday in the pulpit will be October 10, 2021. His official retirement date to be recorded with the Reformed Church Board of Benefit Services will be December 31, 2021. Concerning Pastor

Wayne and Tammy’s plan’s following October 10, they will retire to Luverne, Minnesota. Pastor Wayne will have served 40 ½ in active ministry of which 12 years were served at Sully First Reformed. (A personal note: It has been quite a journey God has led us on. We began as a student pastor in Sully Reformed in the summer of 1979. What an honor it is to complete our ministry in the church where we began our adventure in serving Christ!

- By sharing these arrangements now, plans can be made for a smooth vacancy transition and for “next steps” in the pastoral leadership of First Reformed Church.
- In other business, the Executive Committee report was approved. (This report assigned all consistory members to various committees).
- The Stewardship Committee submitted projected distribution shares of the Rozendaal Mission fund for 2021. The distribution was approved as follows: Jeremy and Susan Beebout – Niger, Africa - \$6,400; Tom Johnson – Haiti - \$6,400; Chad Vanden Bosch – Audio Scripture - \$3,200; Brett Rockvam – Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD – \$3,200; Mission India - \$3,000; Meggan & Pavlos - \$3,000; LakeView Camp - \$1,000; InFaith Org., Bonnie Ellis - \$1,500; Kathryn De Penning - \$3,000

Our last item of business was to answer the Consistorial Questions which were all answered in the affirmative. These questions are asked of the Classis and Synod concerning the health of our church!

God is good!

For the Consistory,

Pastor Wayne



## Middle School— Youth With Heart 6th—8th grade

### Nick De Penning—Superintendent

(The Lighthouse -opening exercises upstairs above wing)

6th—8th Grade – The Lighthouse— Dive—Year 1

Teachers: Nick De Penning, Mel Vos & Tim Vanden Hoek

## High School— Souls Ignited 9th—12th grade

9th & 10th Grade – The Well (west side of basement)

Teacher: Kurt Harthoorn—Heidelberg Catechism

11th & 12th Grade – The Well (east side of basement)

Teacher: Ryan Mortvedt - Right Now Media

Jeff Knouse,  
Youth & Education Director

\*All 6th—8th grade classes are held upstairs in the Lighthouse (area above the wing)

\*All 9th—12th grade classes are held in The Well (northwest side of the basement)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday school –meet in the Legacy Center—All adults are invited to join!

Bible Study—Apostle’s Creed

## INSTRUCTIONS

- **NOTE: The 5th grade will now be meeting downstairs!**
- If you haven’t attended a Sunday school class or you are new to FRC this year, you are invited to join a class!
- Your children can be picked up at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.
- An offering will be collected each Sunday. This is a great way to teach kids how to tithe.

## YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

5:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Group** meets in the Well (basement)

open for all 6th—8th grade!

6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group** meets in the Well

(basement) open for all 9th—12th grade

**EVERY Friday morning** at 7:30 am for 9th—12th grade—**Prayer**

**Breakfast**—Donuts and milk before school—meet in the Gathering Place



## Sunday School — 10:45 a.m.

\*All those 3 years old—Kindergarten please go to room # 8 & 9 located on the southeast side of the basement.

\*All those in 1st—5th grade go to room #6 on the southwest side of the basement.



Julie Van Manen,  
Children’s Ministry  
Director

Teachers: Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

## God’s Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten

**Kara Warrick & Rebecca Rozendaal** *Opening exercises east side of basement rooms #8 & 9*

*We will begin here with singing and then walk with their teachers to their rooms. All classrooms are marked with the teachers name and names of students on the outside of each door.*

**3 year olds – Room #9 (Little Lambs) - Hands on Bible:**

Teachers: Amy Harthoorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Julie Van Wyk & Lisa Dunsbergen

**4 year olds – Room #7 (Zacchaeus’ Treehouse) - Hands on Bible**

Teachers: Annette Zimmerman, Shaleah Van Wyk & Elaine Droppert

**Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10**

**(Builders) - Imagine**

## All kids in Children in Worship downstairs will be led to opening exercises.

\*\*3 yrs.—Kindergarten will have cookies during Children in Worship—1st—5th will be served cookies before opening exercises.

## Faith Seekers—1st—5th Grade (west side of basement)

**Dawn Schechinger**—*Opening Exercises Rm. #6- West side—We will begin singing here and then go to their individual classrooms.*

**1st Grade—Room #4—(Lion’s Den) - Imagine**

Teachers: Emily Larson & Carrie Mortvedt

**2nd & 3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder**

Teachers: Joni Collins & Desiree Hardeman

**4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel**

Teachers: Verlan Brand & Julie Van Manen

**5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel**

Teacher: Eloise Vos